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EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS - WHITE HOUSE FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR: PARK LETTER AND MPAA

REF: SEOUL 10822

1. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE REACTIONS REPORTED IN THE  
REFERENCED TELEGRAM. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE FEW DAYS  
CHRISTMAS LAPSE YOU ANTICIPATE. PERHAPS SUCH A BREATHING  
SPELL WILL BE BENEFICIAL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM,  
THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION AND EXAMPLES OF HOW THE PROPOSED  
NEW WORDING OF THE EXCEPTION CLAUSE WOULD WORK IS PROVIDED  
BELOW.

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A. A QUESTION CONCERNING AN ACT OR STATEMENT OF A PRESENT  
OFFICIAL OF THE ROKG COULD BE POSED ONLY IF IT CONCERNED  
THE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES UNDER INVESTIGATION AND IF IT TOOK  
PLACE EITHER IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN THE PRESENCE OF A  
US OFFICIAL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. THUS IF TONGSUN  
PARK AND PRESENT KOREAN OFFICIAL MR. X MET IN SEOUL WITH  
CONGRESSMAN Y AND HANDED THE LATTER AN ENVELOPE FULL OF

MONEY, THE ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS OF THE KOREAN OFFICIAL IN

THIS SITUATION COULD BE ASKED ABOUT. (INCIDENTALLY, WE  
HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT SUCH INCIDENTS HAPPENED.  
BUT IF THEY DID WE OBVIOUSLY CAN'T BE PRECLUDED FROM ASKING  
ABOUT THEM.)

B. A QUESTION CONCERNING A CONVERSATION IN SEOUL IN WHICH  
KOREAN OFFICIAL X TOLD TONGSUN PARK TO FLY BACK TO THE  
UNITED STATES AND TURN OVER A SUM OF MONEY TO CONGRESSMAN Y  
COULD NOT BE ASKED ABOUT UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW WORDING.

3. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO HAVE YET ANOTHER US GENERATED  
DOCUMENT CIRCULATING AS PART OF THIS NEGOTIATION. WE WOULD  
HAVE NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, SHOULD THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
WISH TO TAKE DOWN THE FOREGOING EXPLANATION DOWN WORD FOR  
WORD AS YOU READ IT TO HIM.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.  
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